



VC Power of Words

Curricular Goals	CG-1 Sustains effective communication skills for day-to-day interactions, enhancing their oral ability to express ideas.
Competencies	C-1.3 Converse meaningfully and coherently.
Specific Learning Outcome	Students will be able to practice speaking positively and wisely.
SDG (Sustainable Development goals)	SDG-4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all

Teaching Aids/ Learning Aids: TRD

Duration: 7 mins

[Notes to the teacher: This asset provides the value addition to the topic in an interesting and subtle way. Narrate the story with suitable expressions and intonations. Encourage students' discussion on the topics provided and thereby for them to imbibe the value of inculcating the habit of positive, wise, and truthful dialogues.]

Concept- Value Connection: Dialogue is a conversation between two or more characters. The words and expressions used in the dialogues are vehicles through which characters communicate, express their emotions, and reveal their personalities. Being positive, wise, and truthful are the hallmarks of a positive personality and vice-versa.

Story :

Once, a king had a strange dream. He dreamt that all his teeth were broken except the front tooth. He was very disturbed by the dream and wanted to know its meaning. So, he called his minister and shared his dream. He wanted to know about the significance of the dream. The minister advised calling the dream experts and announced that anyone who predicted it correctly would be rewarded.

Hearing the news, a few dream experts came to the court and wanted to know the dream of the king. The King narrated his dream, and after hearing that, one of them said, "Oh dear King, this is a bad and sad dream. It is an indication that all your relatives will



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die before you, one by one. You will live a lonely life." Hearing those words, the king became sad and furious. He ordered the predictors to leave the court immediately.

After some time, another dream expert came to the court and said that he could tell the exact meaning of the king's dream. The King narrated his dream, and the wise predictor, after carefully listening to it, thought for a while and said, "My Lord, this seems to be a good dream; there is nothing to worry about. The dream foretells that you will live longer than any of your relatives and will happily rule the kingdom for a long time. On hearing this the King became very happy and rewarded the dream expert with gold and gifts.

Discussion Questions:

- What could be the reason that King reacted differently, though both the predictors gave the same message about the dream?
- What message does the story convey to you?

Points to Ponder/reflect:

- One person's words made the king sad, and the other person chose the words wisely that made the king feel good.
 - The words we use are very powerful and can make or break.
 - Words can confer strength; they can drain one's energy too.
 - Words can win friends; words can turn friends into enemies as well; they can elevate or lower an individual.
 - When the words are chosen positively, wisely, and conveyed in the right way, it makes a great difference.
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